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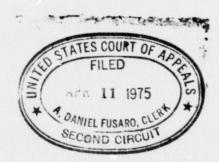
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SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF OF GRAND JURY WITNESSES-APPELLANTS AND APPENDIX

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Supplemental Brief adopts the Preliminary Statement of the main brief herein with the addition that the order appealed from referring to Joseph Moses is dated March 10, 1975.

The said Joseph Moses also asserted his "general" Constitutional rights and, in argument, asserted his rights under the Fifth and Ninth Amendments as well as the First and Fourth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- (1) Whether the Ninth Amendment of the United States Constitution grants a broader right against self-incrimination than that granted by the Fifth Amendment.
- (2) Whether it is necessary, when there is a grant of immunity, to . simultaneously preserve independent evidence the Government may have against a witness.

STATUTES INVOLVED

United States Constitution, Amendment V.

No person...shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself ...

United States Constitution, Amendment IX.

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

18 U.S.C. Section 6002.

Whenever a witness refuses, on the basis of his privlege against self-incrimination, to testify or provide other information in a proceeding before or ancillary to--

(1) a court or grand jury of the United States
(2) an agency of the United States, or
(3) either House of Congress, a joint committee of the
two Houses, or a committee (or a subcommittee) of either
House, and the person presiding over the proceeding communicates to the witness an order issued under this part

the witness may not refuse to comply with the order on the basis of his privlege against self-incrimination; but no testimony or other information compelled under the order (or any information directly or indirectly derived from such testimony or other information) may be used against the witness in any criminal case, except a prosecution for perjury, giving a false statement, or otherwise failing to comply with the order.

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<u>Kastigar v. U.S.</u>, (1972) 406 U.S. 441, 92 S. Ct. 1653; rehrg den. 408 U.S. 931, 92 S. Ct. 2478.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Statement of Facts set forth in the main brief is adopted herein.

POINT I

APPELLANTS HAVE A RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT GUARANTEED BY THE NINTH AMENDMENT WHICH IS VIOLATED BY THE CONTEMPT CITATION.

In 1972 the Supreme Court addressed itself to the problem of immunity in <u>Kastigar v. United States</u>, (1972) 406 U.S. 441, 92 S. Ct. 1653; rehrg den. 408 U.S. 931, 92 S. Ct. 2478, where it decided that the use immunity granted by 18 U.S.C. 6002 was constitutional in that it was co-extensive with the scope of the privlege granted by the Fifth Amendment.

The issue in <u>Kastigar</u> concerned itself with the privlege granted under the Fifth Amendment only, and did not address itself to any other portions of the Constitution which grant rights and privleges to the people.

In this regard, the question arises as to whether the Ninth Amendment contains a right similar to the privlege against self-incrimination as contained in the Fifth Amendment.

It has been considered that the Fifth Amendment, as well as other Amendments to the Constitution, grants rights and privleges. The Ninth Amendment, however, grants no rights—it is based on the belief that the people have rights and sets forth the further precept that the people have more rights than merely those enumerated in the Constitution. "This Amendment, therefore, was meant to exclude the inference that the Federal Government could touch any of the great fundamental rights of the people, because there was no special inhibition of power to the Federal Government to invoke them." 2 Tucker, Constitution of the United States, p. 688. In other words, the framers of our Constitution recognized that the people had other, further and greater rights than those enumerated.

The question then becomes, what are those rights held by the people and not enumerated in the Constitution?

The Supreme Court in <u>Kastigar</u> looked at the history of the power to compel testimony as well as the right to remain silent. The Court did say that the power to compel testimony is not absolute but is tempered by various exemptions from testimonial duty.

There is a question of starting points--does a government first have the power to compel testimony which is then circumscribed by various exemptions--or does a witness, when faced with possible prosecution, have the right not to aid in his own prosecution by remaining silent, which right may be lessened by a grant of immunity.

The right not to incriminate oneself is basic and it is urged that this right is contained not only in the Fifth Amendment but also in the Ninth Amendment. The difference is, is that those general rights implied implied in the Ninth Amendment are broader in scope than the particularization of rights contained in the other Amendments. Logic does not demand that the Amendments are exclusive nor that they may not touch each other or contain elements of each other.

It is interesting to note that note 13 of <u>Kastigar</u> discusses one of the first immunity statutes, 9 Anne, c. 14 Sections 3-4 (1710) which calls for an admission of an illegal act, by the payment to the loser of gambling winnings, after which there could be no prosecution. The important aspect of the statute was that there could be <u>no</u> prosecution, no matter what other evidence could be addressed. It is also important to note that this statute became the model for the Colonial Legislature of New York (see note 13 to <u>Kastigar</u>).

The importance of both the English and Colonial statutes is that the framers of our Constitution recognized a basic right not to have testimony compelled unless all threat of prosecution was removed. This right is more that the privlege contained in the Fifth Amendment which, in Kastigar's view, is merely a right not to have what a witness says used against him.

It is urged, therefore, that the Ninth Amendment contains an absolute right to remain silent unless all threat of prosecution is removed.

POINT II

APPELLANTS MUST NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT SINCE THE GRANT OF IMMUNITY ALSO REQUIRES THAT ALL EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM OBTAINED PRIOR TO THEIR TESTIMONY MUST BE SEGREGATED AND PRESERVED.

In allowing the constitutionality of "use" immunity (18 U.S.C. 6002) the Supreme Court, in <u>Kastigar</u>, supra. imposed a duty on the prosecution "to prove that the evidence it proposes to use is derived from a legitimate source wholly independent of the compelled testimony".

While it may be argued that a prosecutor is under no duty to show that his evidence is independent of compelled testimony, until such time as a former witness is accused, the length of time between testimony and accusation weakens the immunity granted under 18 U.S.C. 6002 so that, in effect, it is not co-extensive with the privlege afforded by the Fifth Amendment.

While a prosecutor must show that his evidence is independent of testimony, as the time between testimony and prosecution lengthens, it becomes more difficult for the defense to show that the source of the evidence is tainted.

Many crimes cross jurisdictional and agency lines. Gambling may be both a Federal and State crime while the proceeds of gambling may involve prosecutions origination from the Justice Department as well as the Internal Revenue Service.

It is because of these problems that an operational framework is needed at the earliest possible time to safeguard the rights of an accused when he has earlier testified under a grant of "use" immunity.

It is urged that the earliest time is at the "moment of impact" when a witness provides the prosecution with evidence which may give direction to an investigation, the results of which, in turn, may be used against him.

The only way a grant of immunity can be meaningful is to segregate independent evidence at the time of taking testimony.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the adjudication of civil contempt should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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1	PROCEEDINGS:	February 25, 1975
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3		States Department of Justice, and JAMES W. GRESENS, Attorney, United States
4		Department of Justice.
5		JULIUS M. RAMM, Esq., Attorney for the Witness JOSEPH MOSES.
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7	MR. GRESENS:	Your Honor, the next matter we have
8		is the matter of Joseph A. Moses, also
9		a grand jury witness. Mr. Moses is here
10		with counsel this morning, Mr. Julius
11		Ramm.
12	THE COURT:	Mr. White, file this order in the
13		Pona matter. Good morning, Mr. Ramm.
14		At the very beginning I want to thank you
15		for taking on this assignment on very
16		short notice. I appreciate that.
17	MR. RAMM:	My pleasure, your Honor.
18	MR. GRESENS:	Your Honor, Mr. Moses also appeared
19		before the grand jury last Thursday and
20		refused to answer questions. I have an
21		application and an order and a letter
22		from John C. Keeney attached, which I
23		request the Court sign granting Mr.
24		Moses immunity from prosecution. The
25		Government believes his testimony is

material to the investigation.

Mr. Ramm, before I sign it, is there anything you want to say about this?

Yes, your Honor. One, as I understand, Mr. Moses is entitled to know the scope of the investigation and number two, I would ask whether there have been any listening devices used in this matter.

I think, Mr. Stewart, as I know,
last week when everyone appeared here,
Mr. Ramm, that at that time, Mr. Stewart
gave a detailed explanation of the
thrust of their investigation and what
this was about and also, we made a clear
statement, he made a clear statement on
the record that there was no listening
devices, but I think so that there is
no question about it, we should have
similar presentation. I hope, - are
the other lawyers here?

There are a number of them.

Mr. D'Agostino and Mr. Seeberg.

All right. Mr. Stewart, will you state

again, please, the question I put to you

MR. RAMM:

THE COURT:

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was that your order provides that the questions may pertain to violations of Section 1955, 892 to 894 and 1962 of Title 18.

Your Honor, if I may interrupt for a moment, we'll be provided copies of this order?

The order? We can make a copy of the order for you. Mr. Stewart, will you explain again, please?

Yes. The grand jury investigation is focusing upon activities at Nairy's Social Club and the Connecticut Club in the City of Buffalo. Said activities involving possible violations of Section 1955 which prohibits illegal gambling business; Sections 892 to 894, which prohibit extortionate credit transactions, and Section 1962 which prohibits racketeering activities. The questions are directed primarily at the loan sharking activity and racketeering activity accurring at those premises or involving persons who frequent those premises.

1	THE	COURT:	All right. As I understand also,
2			that you mention loan sharking, and as
3			I understand that your investigation also
4			has to do with these activities also,
5			which is in violation of the Federal law.
6	MR.	STEWART:	Yes, ŝir.
7	THE	COURT:	Mr. Ramm, - what about, has there
8			been any electronic surveillance so far
9			as Mr. Moses is concerned?
10	MR.	STEWART:	No, sir.
11	THE	COURT:	Mr. Ramm, is there anything further?
12	MR.	RAMM:	Yes, your Honor; as part of the
13			scope of the investigation, I would ask
14	3		for outside dates. In other words, what
15			period of time, - I gather up to the
16			present, but what back, - how far back
17			are you looking at?
18	MR.	STEWART:	Approximately the date of John
19			Cammilleri's murder, which I think was
20			May of 1974, and I can't remember the
21			exact date. From May of 1974 up to the
22			present day.
23	THE	COURT:	That is not to say, however, Mr.
24			Ramm, that if inquiry leads in a manner
25			to the questioner that it appears to be

MR. RAMM:

appropriate to ask questions concerning prior times or perhaps related materials which may not bear directly upon these particular sections, that the questioner is foreclosed. The grand jury and the prosecutor may look into, may question about any matters which they feel may reasonably lead them to information which will be helpful to make determination about whether or not there were any statutes violated.

may be anticipating, your Honor, which may not be a proper subject to talk about now, but I think may come up. As I understand, use immunity deals only with the scope and what comes out of the witness' mouth, but if questions are answered or information is elicited beyond the stated scope of the investigation, - say something far removed from this particular location that you are talking about or gambling or racketeering but another crime, that use immunity does not necessarily cover.

1	THE COURT:	It certainly does cover. If the
2		question is put and the answer is given,
3		and it would either incriminate directly
4		or indirectly, it cannot be used.
- 5	MR. RAMM:	Any crime.
6	THE COURT:	About any crime. I find the papers
7		in order and I direct you, Mr. Moses, to
8		go to the grand jury and answer the
9		questions as truthfully as you can.
10		Certainly, this gives you no permission
11		to testify untruthfully and that would be
12		a crime. During this, if you need some
13		time to reasonably consult with your
14		attorney, you may do so.
15	MR. RAMM:	May I have a copy of the order and
16		a few minutes of review prior to Mr.
17		Moses going in?
18	THE COURT:	All right. Mr. Gresens, next
19		matter.
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PROCEEDINGS:

March 4, 1975

APPEARANCES:

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JULIUS M. RAMM, Esq., Attorney for the Witness JOSEPH MOSES.

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THE COURT:

MR. RAMM:

All right, Mr. Ramm.

Your Honor, I join in with the other motions as far as the completeness of the record in this matter. The questions do not show on their face that they are pertinent, material or relevant. There are a few introductory questions and that is basically it. This deals with Hairy's Social Club. I also join in with Mr. Abramowitz' motion as far as listening devices is concerned. When I was here originally, I thought I had received a definite "no" answer, but in discussion with the other attorneys, I am not quite sure whether it was a "no" answer as far as Mr. Moses' home was concerned or merely conversations, his conversations which may have been overheard. Consequently, I would like a clarification of that and if there

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were listening devices in Nairy's 1 Social Club, which is the club under investigation in this matter, I believe, 3 then I would like a clarification in 4 line with Mr. Abramowitz' argument. 5 THE COURT: Mr. Gresens, can you make a statement again as far as Mr. Moses is con-7 cerned? MR. GRESENS: Yes, your Honor. I have had the FBI check the records and I am prepared 10 to state that Mr. Moses' home was not 11 the subject of electronic surveillance 12 and that Mr. Moses has not been heard 13 on any electronic surveillances. 14 With respect to the electronic surveil-15 lance at Nairy's Social Club, I would 16 merely repeat the same argument that I 17 made before, based on the Womack case, that Mr. Moses has no standing to object 19 to any or to question any electronic 20 surveillances in which he was not over-91 heard. 22 THE COURT: You definitely state that he was 23 not overheard? 24 MR. GRESENS: I asked that question directly of

THE COURT:

the FBI Agents involved and they have answered in the negative.

Very well. I think again with Mr.

Moses, that a more complete record should
be made of what you want to elicit from
him so, Mr. Moses, go back to the grand
jury and we can finish here and complete
the record. Next witness, please.

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PROCEEDINGS: March 5, 1975. 2 APPEARANCES: RICHARD J. ARCARA, United States Attorney, by JAMES W. GRESENS, Attorney, United 3 States Department of Justice. 4 JULIUS M. RAMM, Esq., Attorney for the Witness JOSEPH MOSES. 5 6 THE COURT: Mr. Gresens. MR. GRESENS: Your Honor, if we could take the 8 matter of Joseph Moses, a grand jury 9 witness first, please. 10 THE COURT: Mr. Moses, can you step up, please. 11 In this matter, Mr. Moses was in here 12 going back to the 25th of February and 13 then there was a notice served seeking 14 an order holding him in contempt dated 15 on February 25th made returnable on the 4th of March. Then, as I understand it, 17 he went back to the grand jury and did 18 the witness testify, Mr. Gresens? 19 MR. GRESENS: No, your Honor, the witness did not. 20 He was before the grand jury this morning. 21 He was asked approximately sixteen questions and he refused to answer any of 23 these questions. 24 THE COURT: And the directive of the Court to 25 be more specific as far as the questions

1		are concerned
2	MR. GRESEUS:	Yes, sir, there were dates asked,
3		names asked and specific questions, your
4		Honor.
5	THE COURT:	Mr. Gresens, I think yesterday we
6		supplied counsel with transcript and had
7		a short adjournment so that a further
8		conversation could be had with the
9		witness. I think that would be in order
10		in this case as well. Could you have
11		that material ready by Friday, let us
12		say?
13	MR. GRESENS:	Yes. I have checked with the
14		court reporter and he assures me that
15		it can be ready tomorrow or early Friday
16		at the very latest.
17	THE COURT:	Why don't we adjourn this then
18		until 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon for
19		further appearance.
20	MR. RAMII:	I would appreciate, your Honor, the
21	9	only thing, we do have the transcripts
22		well in advance, - not well in advance
23		but in time rather than just walking
24		through the door here.
25	THE COURT:	He said he will have them available

MR. RAMM:

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MR. GRESENS:

THE COURT:

on Friday which means it is sort of a two-way street. I think that some arrangement ought to be made so that they could be dropped at your office on Friday.

That is fine. 2:00 o'clock Friday. Thank you.

In the meantime, Mr. Moses, consult with your lawyer, Mr. Ramm. As you know, under the section the Government is proceeding under, generally speaking, if a witness refuses to answer questions, that under the circumstances here, we have the order that you can be committed for failure to answer and with the intention that it is the intent of the law not to punish, but to have the witness respond and so that we will adjourn your further appearance until 2:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

Excuse me, your Monor, Monday or Friday? I thought you said Friday.

to Mr. Ramm on Friday and we will adjourn court appearance until 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 10th.

MR. RAMM:

Okay. Thank you, your Honor.

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(By direction of the Court, the following excerpt from "IN THE MATTER OF GASPER BONA, A GRAND JURY WITNESS, CRIMINAL DOCKET MISC. CR. 155", proceedings of February 20, 1975, is made part of this record.)

THE COURT:

As I understand it, you have a number of similar applications being made here. There are a number of other witnesses; that you explain in your application that Mr. Bona, who is now here before the Court, that you believe that he can give testimony about alleged violations of laws including particular violations of Section 1965, 892, 894, 1962, of Title 18. As you know, it is always my concern that I know that what we are dealing with here is an investigation of violation of Federal laws and as I understand it, as far as all of the other witnesses are concerned here, that your general investigation has to do with the same problem. I know that on prior days here, we have had discussion about what

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this was about and I think that so that we have an understanding by all of the witnesses who are here and for the record so that we know in a general fashion what you want to ask Mr. Bona about, and I suppose, in a general fashion, that will also relate to the other witnesses.

That is correct, your Honor. As I believe your Honor knows, this investigation began, I think, in October, with the appearance of Mr. Tripi and Mr. Alberti before the grand jury and it was temporarily halted at that time and has been renewed recently. There indeed were, - an application was made to Magistrate Maxwell coincidental with an application to your Honor for a particula order. We had applied to Magistrate Maxwell for a series of search and seizure warrants which were issued on the 6th and executed on the 7th which focused primarily around activities of two social clubs, being Nairy's and Connecticut Hall as well as the activities of a number of individuals associated with those two

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MR. STEWART:

THE COURT:

locations. The order which your Honor had signed on our application called for a period of, - or scaled that particular affidavit for a period of forty-five days or until such earlier time as we were able to bring the investigation into an appropriate posture and that is what we are endeavoring to do at this time, and it is because of that, that time frame, and being mindful of the rights of third parties whose assets are tied up, as it were, during this period that we are interested in expediting this, but it is correct that all of these matters, the questions as to all the witnesses will be essentially the same and are related to the same investigation.

All right. Can you explain briefly, in general terms what the investigation is about. I mean how it relates to these sections and how, in your opinion, there is a possible violation of Federal law.

Yes, sir. It is our, - on information and belief, the two social clubs operate a card game, but not a normal

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card game. This is a house operated card game in which the house receives five per cent of the proceeds. Now, that is the basic gambling predicate, but in addition to that, and coincidental with the operation of the game, money is loaned by the house to various players in order to encourage the game and increase the stakes. The game is such that the house cannot lose. The players do not play against the house, but against each other and the house simply takes five per cent from the top. Now, the amounts that are loaned are normally interest free for the first seventy-two hours. Thereafter, they become so-called six for five loans of the sort which are prohibited by the loan shark statute. That is Sections 392 to 894. Quite aside from that particular activity, toon activity, we have reason to believe that certain individuals have been, have used those clubs as locations in which they conduct a regular loan shark operation. That is, money, large sums

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of money, thousands of dollars are loaned to individuals at a six for five basis regularly and we have reason to believe, as your Honor knows, from Mr. Timineri, that some violence has been, is and continues to be connected with the collection of these particular loans. Now, I think under existing case law, the activities which I have described fall within certainly 1955 and 892 dash 894, the Racketeering Violation 1962, of course, speaks of collections of unlawful debts, debts which could not be collected under State law, which I think gambling debts are. It also speaks of gambling activity which violates the law of the State and it is the continuing nature of these violations among certain of the individuals over a period of years that we think brings it within the Rico Statute or the Racketeering Statute for purposes of investigation."

(Excerpt concluded.)

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(By direction of the Court, the following excerpt from "IN THE MATTER OF GASPER BONA, A GRAND JURY WITNESS. CRIMINAL DOCKET MISC. CR. 155", proceed-5 ings of March 7, 1975, is made a part of 6 this record.) THE COURT: Mr. Gresens. 9 MR. GRESENS: Your Honor, perhaps we can take the matter of Mr. Joseph Buscaglia first, a 10 grand jury witness. 11 THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Abramowitz. Good morning, your Honor. MR. ABRAMOWITZ: 13 Where do we stand now, Mr. Gresens? THE COURT: 14 Your Honor, Mr. Buscaglia appeared MR. GRESENS: 15 before the grand jury pursuant to your 16 directions on the 4th of March and once 17 again, he refused to testify. At this 18 time, I would like to hand to the Court, 19 a copy of the grand jury proceedings 20 which were had on that date and ask it be incorporated in the notice of motion 99 filed with the Court previous to this 23 time. 24 Have you received a copy of this,

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THE COURT:

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Mr. Abramowitz? 1 MR. ABRAMOWITZ: I did receive it yesterday, your 2 3 Honor. In this situation, Mr. Buscaglia THE COURT: had appeared on the 4th and before that, 5 he also appeared on prior occasions. 6 Yes. He appeared twice before, MR. GRESENS: 7 your Honor. He appeared on February 20th, at which time he refused to answer questions and asked for counsel. The 10 Court granted him immunity on February 11 25th. He appeared later the same day 12 and once again refused to answer ques-13 tions and again on the 4th of March, the 14 Court directed once again that he return 15 to the grand jury room and the Government 16 put more specific questions to him at 17 that time. 18 I see. Mr. Abramowitz, - are you THE COURT: 19 making a motion here, Mr. Gresens. You 20 made the motion before and I suppose you 21 renew it. 22 Yes, your Honor. I would like, at MR. GRESENS: 23 this time, move that the Court sign this 24 order which I will hand up remanding 25

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MR. ABRAMOWITZ:

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United States Marshals until such time as he testifies pursuant to 1826 of Title 18.

Mr. Buscaglia to the custody of the

As you know, Mr. Abramowitz, Section 1826 provides that whenever a witness in any proceedings before a grand jury of the United States refuses without just cause shown to comply with an order of the Court to testify, may summarily order his confinement in a suitable place until such time as the witness is willing to give such testimony and provide such information. In my reading of the cases decided and, of course, the related cases under related sections, it seems to me that Mr. Buscaglia has had more than enough opportunity to comply with the order of the Court to testify here. In addition, we have the transcript. I have not had a chance to read it, but what do you say about this?

Your Honor, Mr. Buscaglia refused not pursuant to the Fifth Amendment ground. Actually, he did refuse pursuant

to Fifth Amendment grounds, but most 1 importantly pursuant to the First and 2 Fourth Amendment rights to answer any 3 questions which dealt with the Connecticut 4 Social Club or any questions which could 5 possibly have related to the Connecticut 6 Social Club, which is officially known 7 as the Gettysburg Social Club and also 8 known as the Blue Banner Social Club. 9 Your Honor, I have submitted to this 10 Court this morning, or to your clerk, -11 I don't know if you have them, - an 12 affidavit by Mr. Buscaglia and an affida-13 vit by myself. 14 THE COURT: Do you have the originals? 15 MR. ABRAMOWITZ: I gave them to Susan Bloom, your 16 Honor. 17 THE COURT: When did you give them to her? 18 About ten minutes ago. MR. ABRAMO /ITZ: 19 THE COURT: Will you check, Mr. White. Do you have 20 a copy of those? 21 MR. ABRAMOWITZ: Yes, I do, your Honor. 22 THE COURT: Do you have a copy, Mr. Gresens? 23 MR. GRESENS: Yes, I have just received it, your

Honor, a few minutes ago.

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MR. ABRAMOWITZ:

Why don't you continue, Mr.

Abramowitz.

Yes. Your Honor, in this case, one of the grounds we assert is the First Amendment ground of freedom of association. In this case, your Honor, Mr. Buscaglia is a member and secretarytreasurer of the Gettysburg Social Club which has its principal office on Connecticut Street in the City of Buffalo. I have submitted to the Court the certificate of incorporation under the State of New York for that social club. Now, your Honor, the purpose for which the corporation was formed are all those reasons which promote First Amendment freedoms of association which promote and protect it to promote fellowship, extend acquaintanceship, social gatherings and lectures, et cetera. Mr. Buscaglia has pointed out in his affidavit that until the grand jury's subpoenaing of members of his social club and until his own subpoenaing, and he is the secretary-treasurer, - that social club

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was a thriving organization open twentyfour hours a day where people were constantly about exchanging ideas, chatting with one another, talking about politics, the affairs of the day and other matters, your Honor. Now, once the grand jury began its investigation and once the members were subpoenaed, there was such a chill imposed upon the social club that the entire club has been forced to shut down and not one person will enter the club, your Monor, to go there pursuant to their First Amendment rights of association. Now, your Honor, this is a case wherefore, once the defense has, I would assert, a presumption of regularity on its side. We do have here, your Honor, a legitimate, not for profit corporation of the State of New York whose purpose is to foster, protect and, - to foster and protect First Amendment rights of association and speech. We now have a case, your Honor, where it is uncontroverted that as soon as the grand jury investigation

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begins, they subpoena an officer of the corporation. They subpoena many members of the corporation, that corporation is forced to shut down, your Honor. Now, I think that a case, - that an analogous case is the case of Bursey vs. the United States, which I said it in my papers to this Court sometime earlier in this week. Now, that was a case where there was a newspaper involved, your Honor, and the grand jury began to subpoena, as I understand it, records of the newspaper and began to subpoena newsmen. Now, your Honor, the Court there held that when the grand jury is going to invade a First Amendment protected right such as a newspaper, the burden then shifts to the Government to show that there is a compelling reason for this investigation, such, that it overrides the freedom of press or speech or association protected by the First Amendment. I submit, your Honor, that when we have First Amendment rights at stake and we have an absolute chilling

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effect here which is uncontroverted and now the burden rests upon the Government to show that it is involved in a legitimate investigation and to present evidence to show that it is of such import that it supersedes the First Amendment rights and that it justifiably imposes this chill on First Amendment rights, your Monor. Your Monor, if this were the B'Nai Brith Lodge or an NAACP Meeting House, the Irish Club of South Buffalo and the grand jury began to . . subpoena officers of this organization and as a result of the subpoenaing of the officers and members of the organization, everyone was afraid to go in and discuss whatever it was they were discussing in these places, well, I submit that this Court's attitude would be one which would ask the Government to show that there was something legitimate and compelling about it. How, here, your Honor, we have another organization existing under the laws of the State of New York for the purposes of fellow-

ship, acquaintanceship, close social 1 intercourse among the members, to promote 2 the welfare of its members, to promote 3 brotherhood and sociability among members, 4 to hold and conduct social meetings, et 5 cetera, et cetera, and when an organiza-6 tion like this is shut down, your Honor, I submit this Court cannot summarily hold my client in contempt, but must, 9 at least, hold a hearing in this case, as 10 it would if a newspaper were shut down or if some obviously legitimate organiza-12 tion were shut down. Your Honor, there 13 is also a case decided in 1970 in the 14 Fourth Department, United States vs. 15 Doc. 16 When you say Fourth Department, you THE COURT: mean - -18 The Appellate Division of the State MR. ABRAMOUITZ: 19 of New York, your Honor. 20 I see, the Appellate Division of THE COURT: 21 the State of New York. 1)1) At 315 NY Supp.2, 5, in 1970. In MR. ABRAHOWITZ: 93 that case, your Honor, the grand jury 24 in Erie County subpoenaed records of the 25

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State University of New York Philosophical Society and a motion was made to quash that subpoena. Now, the Appellate Division upheld Judge Bayger's refusal to quash the subpoena, but pointed out that if the organization could show some chilling effect, - could have shown some chilling effect, some refusal of members to go to the club, some lessening of membership in the organization, then the matter would have been different, would have had to have been handled in a different way, but because none of those showings were made, it affirmed Judge Bayger's order refusing to quash the subpoena. In this case, your Honor, we have shown we have a legitimate organization and we have shown obvious chill, actually, more than a chill, a total freezing effect because no one is willing and everyone is afraid to do anything with respect to that social club, so I submit, your Honor, on these grounds, at the very least, the Government now is obligated to come

forward and to show that it has such a compelling state interest in effect that it justifiably overrides these First Amendment considerations and for the record, your Honor, in case Mr.

Justice William O. Douglas' principles ever come to light, I also assert for the record, that there should be no balancing at all, but that the Government in no way should be permitted to subpoena, - should be, in any manner, able to invade any First Amendment freedoms.

Your Honor, the second argument
I would like to make relates to the
argument which again I made in the early
part of the week in which you apparently
conducted an in camera, ex parte hearing
with the Government. It was our assertion then and it is our assertion now
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involved in the Gettysburgh Social
Club. The Government refused to affirm
or to deny that, but they do state that
they never heard Mr. Buscaglia's
conversation on any of their tapes.

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Your Honor, I would assert that this is straight out of Fantasyland and straight out of Alice in Wonderland. I mean either they do or they don't. If they do, we have a right to have a hearing. If they don't, they can't possibly assert, they shouldn't be permitted to assert that they haven't heard anything. It just doesn't make logical sense, your Honor. Further, and more important, I would suggest that if there is a bug in there, it is not simply a wiretap and it can't be a wiretap because, as I understand, there are no telephones. It would have to be some general intrusion listening to many voices and many conversations, and I would submit, your Honor, that the Government cannot come here in good faith and say they never heard Mr. Buscaglia's conversation, they never heard his voice on that tape. They don't know whose voice they heard on the tape, your Honor, and they may well have asked him questions relating to statements which he made, which he was

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overheard making on the tape, but they don't know that it was Mr. Buscaglia or anyone and I would submit, your Honor, that if the Government is going to use an overly broad intrusive eavesdropping device such that it cannot identify voices and particularly, where Mr. Buscaglia is the secretary-treasurer and is in there, it cannot now come back and say "Well, we didn't hear his voice". They don't know whose voice they heard, your Monor, and I submit that they have got an affirmative obligation now if they did use this overly broad device to show that they did not hear Mr. Buscaglia's voice on that tape and that the questions that they asked him did not relate to conversations in which he would be involved in, which he would have been involved in. Further, your Honor, and Mr. Murphy and I are joining in each other's arguments and Mr. Murphy is going to elaborate on this further, but another argument I would make, your Honor, is that the Government's papers are woefully defective. In the first

1 place, your Honor, the authorization that they have gotten is from an Acting 3 Assistant Attorney General which is not what the statute authorizes, your Honor. 4 5 It is my understanding that the statute requires a specially designated person. 6 I believe an Assistant Attorney General, 7 and further, your Honor, in October of 8 this year - -9 THE COURT: So we clear the record, Mr. Keeney 10 pointed out he is serving in the office 11 of Assistant Attorney General. 12 MR. GRESENS: That is correct, your Honor. 13 THE COURT: In other words, there is no one 14 on vacation now or anything like that? 15 MR. GRESENS: That's right. The slot that Mr. 16 Petersen left when he retired has not 17 been permanently filled, has not been 18 officially filled, so in that capacity, 19 Mr. Keeney is the Acting Attorney General. 20 He is the one that is in charge there 21 every day. He is not filling in for some-22 one. 23 MR. ABRAMOWITZ: So I would submit to you, your Honor, 24 that that is hearsay at this point. 25

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We don't know exactly how he got there. I would suspect that Mr. Gresens, my good friend, knows more about the actual day to day workings of the Attorney General's office in the Criminal Division as I do, or most respectfully, the Court does, and if he is going to make an assertion like that, your Honor, it seems to me, at least, there ought to be a hearing as to what he is really doing there. Maybe he is doing maritime work. I don't know, your Honor. Maybe he is not really in charge. Maybe someone else is. I don't know. Whatever letter there is is not notarized and we don't know that it is his signature, your Honor, but I don't want to get into that too much at this point, your Honor. I just, - although I asserted as a firm ground, I also assert that in October and November of this year, another grand jury proceeding in the matter of Mr. Politano, who, at that time, was represented by William Mahoney, this Court held that the very same papers

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which the Government brings before this Court in an attempt to have this Court sign the order sending my client to jail was defective, in that it was completely conclusiary, it didn't give any reasons.

We only can take one case at a time, Mr. Abramowitz. Different facts, different cases. When I started out in all of these cases and I told the Government, and I have looked through the transcript now, that I wanted to be made aware so that I could make a decision that it was in the public interest and, therefore, the simple statement in the application that they are investigating violations of Section 1951, although it, perhaps, met the letter of the law, it appeared to me it did not meet the spirit of it and for that reason, I told Mr. Stewart, acting for the Government, to get more information to me. In that case, he chose to delay the appearance of Nr. Politano so that he could spell it out in greater detail with, perhaps, some

MR. ABRAMOJITZ:

were. I have had an opportunity to look at the questions and it seems apparent that the Government is, indeed, investigating not only some kind of gambling activity which I suppose in the spirit of the modern age, might be considered to be something that one way or the other some people might have different views on, but they are also investigating a loan sharking activity and I am satisfied that it is in the public interest to permit the Government to go forward and I believe that, - do you have anything more to say here in regard to your appli-

affidavit. In this case, the Government, .

we went ahead and made a record before

Not on that point, your Monor, that you have just spoken to, but with respect to the First Amendment arguments, I don't deny that the questions that they ask indicate that they believe that their investigation, something dealing with loan sharking and with gambling, but if

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MR. GRESENS:

this were a newspaper or a B'Nai Brith Lodge and they were investigating - -

Number one, Mr. Abramowitz, it is not a newspaper and secondly, whether it is a B'Nai Brith Lodge or whatever organization it is, the questions here are not directed to the philosophy. They are not directed to what the views of the members are on national affairs, world affairs, community affairs, and if that was the case, we may have another question, but that is not the case here and, therefore, I am going to decide this case upon the facts which I have. Mr. Buscaglia and his fellows may meet there at this particular Connecticut Street building or they may meet other places if they desire so that I see little in the way of infringing upon their rights of association. The question here has to do with gambling and loan sharking activities, not with political views or religious views. Mr. Gresens, is there anything you want to say?

I would like to respond to a few

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of Mr. Abramowitz' arguments, your Honor. First of all, in relation to the First Amendment grounds, I think, your Honor, you have correctly pointed out just as the Court did in the Bursey case, there is a distinction between the kinds of questions that are asked. The Bursey case dealt with the investigation of a Black Panther newspaper and on appeal, the Court there looked at each question that had been asked and refused and decided that some of them clearly involved violation of First Amendment rights, and as to those, that did not deal specifically with internal affairs of the press, they upheld the right of the Government to move on a refusal to testify. I would also direct the Court's attention to a subsequent case which has been decided by the Nineth Circuit, Lewis vs. the United States, 501 F2d, 418, which was decided in 1974. That case involved a recalcitrant witness who was the manager of a radio station and the Court rejected the First Amendment defense

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to the contempt charge because quote "There was not showing that the request of the grand jury were in the course of official harassment of the press and not for legitimate purposes of law enforcement", and I submit that is precisely what we have here today, your Honor. We are investigating this club. It is a legitimate investigation. I think the questions show it. I think Mr. Stewart's presentation to the Court on previous occasions as to the scope and direction of our investigation have indicated that and I think that the First Amendment grounds really are not involved here. Mr. Abramowitz has also submitted an affidavit regarding the wiretap information here and he states that Mr. Gresens did not deny the fact that Mr. Buscaglia was overheard. I submit, your Honor, that in the interim period of time, I have found that there is some authority for the proposition that the Government should respond by affidavit to such an allegation and that

1		authority is Kormin 486 F2d 926, and I	
2	am prepared, your Honor, to offer the		
3.	—	Court, this morning	
4	THE COURT:	You say 46 FRD?	
5	MR. GRESENS:	486 F2d 926, Seventh Circuit, 1973.	
6	THE COURT:	Is that 46? Could it be 46?	
7	MR. GRESENS:	486.	
8	THE COURT:	Oh, 486.	
9	MR. GRESENS:	486, I am sorry, and even though	
10		the Second Circuit has not adopted this	
11		rule	
12	THE COURT:	As far as I am concerned, Mr.	
13		Gresens, we have your statement made in	
14		open court, but why don't you file the	
15		affidavit to keep the record straight.	
16	MR. GRESENS:	I would just like the record to be	
17		complete in this case, your Monor. I	
18	7,	would like it to be abundantly clear that	
19		our proceedings in this case have, in all	
20	·	ways, been fair and regular and we have	
21		tried to give the witness here every	
22		benefit of fairness in our proceedings.	
23	THE COURT:	All right. We heard the statements	
24		as far as electronic surveillance, - we	
		heard the statements of the Government	
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in open court and we have heard it on a number of occasions and we have the affidavit of Mr. Gresens about his investigation.

Your Monor, I submit -
Just a minute, Mr. Abramowitz.

I am sorry, your Honor.

Also, I had a meeting in chambers with Mr. Gresens and from all of this,
I am satisfied that the representation made by the Government is correct and that I am willing to rely upon it and is there something else?

of this affidavit, Mr. Gresens indicates that he directed a search be made to determine whether or not the residence of Joseph Buscaglia had been subjected to any electronic surveillance and indicates that apparently it is not, but I note, and I read this quickly, but I note on a quick reading that there is no statement that the social club of which Mr. Buscaglia is the secretary-treasurer has not been tapped and I would assert

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MR. GRESENS:

again, your Monor, that if he can't

tell me that it has not been tapped, then

I cannot accept his assertion that Mr.

Buscaglia hasn't been overheard, only

because I don't think he knows whether he
has been overheard or not and there is

reason to believe he has, if there has

been a bug in there, your Monor.

All we can do, Mr. Abramowitz, at this stage is --

I was about to say Mr. Abramowitz
is assuming the tap was placed there
simply because the Government will not
deny or disclose its existence. As I
stated in court the other day, I don't
believe we have any obligation to disclose
what techniques we have used at what
locations. Now, there is abundant case
law to the effect it is going to take
more allegation by the witness to bring
the Government to a test of its proof.

Mr. Gresens, you are telling me you are conducting this investigation, you, in cooperation with Mr. Stewart.

That is correct, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: You are telling me that you are 2 not using any material which comes to 3 you through the fact that Mr. Buscaglia 4 was overheard on any tape? 5 MR. GRESENS: That is correct, your Honor. 6 MR. ABRAMOWITZ: Your Honor. 7 THE COURT: Yes. 8 MR. ABRAMOWITZ: I would say that if Mr. Gresens cannot answer a direct question as to - -10 THE COURT: All right. I have had enough, Mr. 11 Abramowitz. I have heard the argument. 12 I have considered it very carefully. It 13 seems to me that an order is appropriate 14 here. Mr. White, we should file the 15 affidavits of Mr. Buscaglia and Mr. 16 Abramowitz received this morning. Also, 17 the affidavit of Mr. Gresens, the testi-18 mony of Joseph A. Buscaglia taken before 19 the grand jury on March 4, 1975. Mr. 20 Knisley, as part of the record, and it 21 probably ought to be a part of the record 99 in all these cases, the in camera meeting 23 held between you, Mr. Gresens and myself, 24 that should be made a part of the record 25

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going to sign the order pursuant to Title 28, Section 1826 and remand you to the custody of the United States Marshal. I want to make absolutely clear to you that you have the absolute right, - as a matter of fact, right now, or at any day hereafter, to notify the Court, notify your attorney, notify Mr. Gresens or the clerk, whoever you want to get in touch with, and say "Take me before the grand jury. I am willing to testify." If you do that and you testify, then, automatically and immediately, the order that I am signing here will be vacant and, in other words, it is all up to you, and, therefore, that is the, - here are the other papers. That will be the order

In this case, Mr. Buscaglia, I am

Your Honor, for the record, I request a stay of the execution of judgment in this case.

That motion is denied. Granting stays in these kind of matters would certainly defeat the purpose of Section

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1826. Under the section, as you know, Mr. Abramowitz, 1826 provides that no person confined pursuant to Sub-Section (a) of this section shall be admitted to bail pending determination of appeal taken by him from the order of his confinement, if it appears that the appeal is frivolous or taken for delay. As far as my record here, as far as granting rights of bail, pending appeal, I do it in almost all case, but I refuse to do it in this case. Any appeal, - it continues, the section, - any appeal from an order of confinement under this section shall be disposed of as soon as practicable and not later than thirty days from the filing of such appeal. Mr. Buscaglia, you have two paths here. One is to obey the order of the Court and go and testify. The other is if you do not agree with the order of the Court, then you may appeal it. If you do not have funds to retain a lawyer, the Court will assign a lawyer to represent you on that appeal. If you desire to appeal, the Appellate Court as you can see from the

1		section, will take on the matter
2		promptly.
3	MR. ABRAMOWITZ:	Thank you, your Honor.
4	MR. GRESENS:	Gasper Bona.
5	MR. MURPHY:	Your Honor, I am not going to take
6		up the time Mr. Abramowitz did.
7	THE COURT:	Mr. Murphy, it would seem that many
8	-	of the arguments Mr. Abramowitz made you
9		too desire to make.
10	MR. MURPHY:	Yes, your Honor, and although it
11		is the Nairy's Social Club which is
12		involved, the situation is the same,
13		your Honor, and all of the arguments
14		made by Mr. Abramowitz are applicable
15		to Mr. Bona. I would join in those
16		arguments and ask the Court to consider
17		the record as my having made the same, -
18		taken the same position.
19	THE COURT:	All right. What we will do is we
20		will consider, and I am sure this will
21		agree with you, Mr. Gresens, we will
22		consider the argument made in the
23		Buscaglia case as far as the record in
24		the Bona case and, Mr. Murphy, if there
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I am ready to listen.

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HELLER AND RAMM ATTORNEYS AT LAW 1330 STATLER HILTON BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202 852-7997 EDWARD HELLER JULIUS M. RAMM April 3, 1975 United States Court of Appeals United States Court House Foley Square New York, New York 10007 Attention: Motion Clerk Re: U.S.A. -vs- In the Matter of Joseph Moses, Grand Jury Witness, et al Docket No. 75-1080 Dear Sir: We enclose herewith original Motion and Stipulation in regard to the filing of a Supplemental Brief on the above, along with seven copies of the Supplemental Brief and Appendix. Briefs have this date been served on the United States. Very truly yours, HELLER AND RAMM JMR:my Enclosures